

We Care About YOU and YOUR BUSINESS!

The Dayton Fire Department values you as a member of the local business community. Fire is physically and financially devastating to businesses, and statistics show that over 40% of businesses affected by a significant fire never re-open their doors.

The goal of the Fire Safety Inspection Program is to assist you in making your business a safe place for your customers and employees. We also want to work with you to ensure that if a fire were to occur, damage is limited as much as possible and our firefighters can operate efficiently and safely.

Practicing fire prevention and addressing fire hazards is a great investment!

Buildings are inspected depending on the type of business operating in the building as staffing allows.

A Dayton Fire Prevention Specialist will be stopping in to inspect your business in the near future. If you have any questions about this checklist or the inspection process, please contact the Office of Fire Prevention at (937)-333-4520.

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Preparing for Your Fire Safety Inspection



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Fire Inspection Checklist

We have compiled a list of the most common hazards to assist you in preparing your business for a fire safety inspection. Feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have with your inspector.

Interior Hazards

- _____ Do you have at least a thirty-six inch wide path to all of your exit doors?
- _____ Do your exit doors open freely, with little effort, and are they unlocked?
- _____ If equipped, are all fire doors able to close freely, and free of hold open devices?
- _____ If equipped, are all exit and emergency lights operating, including backup power?
- _____ Is storage contained so that nothing capable of burning is within two feet of the ceiling?
- _____ Do you have at least thirty six inches clear space around your furnace, water heater, and other heat-producing appliances?
- _____ Do you keep the area underneath exposed interior stairwells free of storage?
- _____ Are your walls and ceiling free of holes or missing acoustical tiles?
- _____ Do you have all compressed gas cylinders secured or chained so they can't fall over?
- _____ Are flammable liquids identified and stored in their original container?
- _____ Are utility shutoffs, fire alarm panels, and sprinkler controls easily accessible to firefighters in the case of an emergency?
- _____ Are utility shutoffs, fire alarm panels, and sprinkler controls clearly labeled?
- _____ Is your maximum occupancy posted?

Electrical Hazards

- _____ Is your business free of electrical overload, extension cords, and multi-plug adapters?
- _____ Are all electric outlet and switch contacts covered with a safety plate?
- _____ Is your business free of any open electric boxes, exposed wiring, or open spaces in your fuse /breaker panel?
- _____ Do you have at least a thirty-six inch clearance around any fuse / breaker panel?
- _____ Is your fuse / breaker panel clearly labeled so power can be disconnected quickly in the event of an emergency?

Exterior Hazards

- _____ Are you storing anything that could burn close to your building or under overhangs?
- _____ If your business has a designated fire lane, are the signs and/or paint markings in good condition?
- _____ Is your address clearly visible from the street with at least four inch contrasting numbers?
- _____ Is there at least three feet of clear space around any fire hydrants on the property?
- _____ Are smoking areas clearly identified and proper Cigarette receptacles provided?

Fire Extinguishers

- _____ Do you have a fire extinguisher installed so that an individual would not have to travel more than seventy-five feet to access one?
- _____ Are all fire extinguishers within clear view and easily accessible?
- _____ Have all fire extinguishers been inspected and Tagged

Fire Sprinkler Systems

Some buildings require a fire sprinkler system because of the size of the building or the type of business operation. If you have a sprinkler system installed, be sure to check the following:

- _____ Has the fire sprinkler system been inspected and tagged by a qualified contractor within the past year?
- _____ Is there at least three feet of clear space around sprinkler connections and valves?
- _____ Are spare sprinkler heads and an appropriate wrench installed in a cabinet near the sprinkler riser?
- _____ Are sprinkler control valves chained open or maintained by a fire alarm system?
- _____ Is the fire department connection on the outside of the building free of obstruction and are the caps in place?

Fire Alarm Systems

Some buildings require a fire alarm system because of the number of occupants or the type of business operation. If you have a fire alarm system installed, be sure to check the following:

- _____ Does the fire alarm system show "Trouble" or "Alarm" on the keypad or alarm panel? If so, contact a qualified alarm contractor to restore your system.

